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**Remarks**

By the foregoing Amendment claim 20 is amended. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added by this Amendment and that no additional searching is required as all the limitations of the claims have been present in the originally filed claims. Entry and favorable consideration thereof is earnestly requested.

Applicant has amended claim 20 to positively recite a screw made of a biodegradable material.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-11, 14 and 20-22, all of the claims remaining in the application, are in order for allowance, and early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink, appearing to read "Whitmyer".

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